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TO: William B. Hope, Jr., Sc.D., M.P.H.
Health Commissioner

FROM: Thomas Astorino
Deputy Assistant Health Commissioner
Environmental Health Service

DATE: June 21, 1983

SUBJECT: Suspected spraying of contaminated waste oil at the former Chain of Rocks Amusements and adjoining areas per Daniel J. Wilson's investigation

The area in question is located within the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County. The City portion only involves approximately 25% of the total suspected area.

The main area of concern is the former gravel parking area which was to the west of the amusement park and is located in St. Louis County.

The Chain of Rocks Amusement Park was closed in 1975 and was torn down in 1980 or 1981. The land, which covers 5.61 acres and is owned by Charter Construction Inc., 7 N. Brentwood Blvd., Clayton, Missouri, 63105, 314-862-7380, is presently being developed for subsidized housing by the owner.

Chain of Rocks Park is owned by the City of St. Louis and the majority of Lookaway Drive, which bounds the park on the west, is in the City of St. Louis and is asphalt covered and has been paved since at least the early 1960s.

An investigation of the Board of Public Service records and Health Division records has revealed that no permit has ever been issued for any type of fill in this area.

Site:	Chain of Rock
ID #:	MO0980689061
Break:	1st
Other:	
6-21-83	

The elevations for this site are at mean level and are from a 1935 survey.

In an effort to establish the location of any existing buried utility lines in this area, the following have been contacted:

Union Electric Company:

There is no buried electric cable at this site.

Bell Telephone Company:

There is buried cable within the City limits and this cable runs from pole 10950 to the west for 218 feet (plus/minus) to the east edge of Mildred Avenue in the County. This line plus the buried cable in the County was marked by a Bell Telephone employee on June 13, 1983.

City of St. Louis Water Division:

There is a water main running five feet (plus/minus) east of the west curb line of Lookaway Drive, with service lines to the fire hydrants and comfort stations within the park. These lines should be buried a minimum of three feet to be protected from freezing.

Laclede Gas Company:

There is a gas main running along the east edge of Lookaway Drive and if any digging is to be performed along the east edge of Lookaway Drive, Laclede Gas Company should be contacted at 658-5502. All inquiries regarding requests for information and requests for location service, should make reference to Laclede maps: 117-73, 117-82 and 117-83.

Metropolitan Sewer District:

There is a 24 inch sewer line located near the south entrance to the old amusement park area that runs towards Riverview Drive, however, the exact location is unknown. The comfort station in Chain of Rocks Park is connected to the aforementioned line, but the location of the line is also unknown. The only sewer lines in Lookaway Drive are at the catch basins and they run to the main M.S.D. lines in the County.

The exact depths of the aforementioned lines, except as noted, is unknown due to any settling, erosion or grading that may have occurred since the lines were buried.

The surface of the area is as follows:

Park area: grass cover

Lookaway Drive: asphalt cover

Old parking lot: gravel and weed cover

Old amusement park: dirt cover

The runoff from the old parking lot area would have occurred onto Mildred Avenue to the east, the county homes to the south and onto Lookaway Drive.

Attached may be found a drawing depicting various aspects of the site in question.

All information pertaining to this site may be found in the master file in Room 600, of 634 North Grand, in the City of St. Louis, Missouri.
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--- CITY LIMITS

~570~ ELEVATION

— RUNOFF

(NOT TO SCALE)

